

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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The washing process W does not immediately begin with a heating phase  $t_{IK}-t_{OS}$  at the beginning of a wash program with an untypically cold supply of water when a heating device is turned on, but rather once a delay phase D has elapsed. Said washing process ends after a post-wash phase without adding any heat energy once a defined constant time  $t_{EK}-t_{OK}$  has elapsed after the delay phase. The temperature of the water or lye at the end of or after the end of the period during which water is added F is determined. If the determined temperature is less than a standard value S for the amount of water which has freshly run into the lye container prior to the beginning of the washing process W, the heating device is turned on and the beginning of the washing process is postponed according to a defined duration of time D.